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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8706

INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 8093

PANAMA FOR RSS ARMOR, A/SY/EX (TDY WASHDC)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE

REF: STATE 240457

1. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES ACCEPTS FULLY ARMORED CHRYSLER.
REQUEST THIS VEHICLE BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY.

2. 1971 CHEVROLET IMPALA WILL BE SHIPPED TO EITHER RIO OR
BRASILIA AS DESIGNATED BY A/SY/FO. EXTRA TIRES AND OTHER
MAINTENANCE ITEMS FRO THIS VEHICLE WILL BE SHIPPED ALONG WITH
THE AUTOMOBILE.

3. WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF CHIEF VILLAR, GOA FEDERAL POLICE,
SOME CHANGES CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE OVER-ALL PROTECTIVE
PROGRAM. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, THE FEDERAL
POLICE LIAISON WITH THE EMBASSY ORDERED PROTECTIVE PERSONNEL FOR
THE AMBASSADOR TO REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS AND WITH THE AMBASSADOR
24 HOURS A DAY. THOUGH NOT OFFICIALLLY STATED BY GOA FEDERAL
POLICE, IT APPEARS THE ASSASSINATION OF VILLAR WAS CARRIED
OUT WITH SOME INTERNAL ASSISTANCE. PROTECTIVE OPERATIONS
FOR THE AMBASSADOR WITH RESPECT TO HIS MOVEMENTS ARE GOING TO
BE STEPPED UP WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CONTINUOUS ADVANCE CAR
AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE "DECOY"TECHNIQUE. WITH THE SHIPPING
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OUT OF THE IMPALA THE POST WILL BE LEFT WITH THE SINGLE

PROTECTIVE MOBILE (1974 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER). THE POST DOES NOT HAVE A SUITABLE SECOND CAR TO BE USED IN THE DECOY OPERATION. SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSY CARS HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH BALLISTIC ALUMINUM BUT DO NOT HAVE BULLET RESISTANT GLASS. ESTIMATES ARE BEING OBTAINED LOCALLY SO THAT AT LEAST ONE OTHER CAR COULD BE SO EQUIPPED AND WOULD PROVIDE REASONABLE EXTENT OF PROTECTION FOR DECOY OPERATIONS. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS IN THIS AREA WILL BE FURNISHED THE DEPT WHEN THEY ARE RECIEVED. ADVISE AS TO SHIPPING DATE AND EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE OF CHRYSLER NEW YORKER.
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